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AGED ONE HUNDRED AND NINE. A Queer Old Citizen of Troy-His Habits and Opinions.

[From the Troy Prees, August 13.]

He is right here in Troy and his name is John Henry Blackwell, and he has seen 108 summers (when August is out) and 109 winters. He was therefore born in the spring John Henry lives in a little old house in the hollow, beside a babbling but nasty little brook, just off Lincoln avenue, under the hill. The house is an old-style frame, with wooden shutters and has stood where it now stands about forty-five years. Neither outside nor in has ever been molested by a painter. The house is weatherbeat en like its owner (for Blackwell owns it), and looks as if the ups and downs of this world had had no effect upon elor. He has been married, but it was vesterday as he saw flights of sparso long ago that he has almost forgot- rows busily engaged in our field of hall either. It is more like a den or a was injureing the plant and stopping lowed to look into it unless he does so and this belief has been produced not stealthily. John keeps the doors and only by reading the opinions and facts windows securely fastened, and at of others, but from thirty years of obis looking for something that has been was an invetorate enemy to birds, mislaid in the chasm of disorder that and destroyed their nests in my shrubexists there. Then he uses a tallow berry, and in consequence there was candle. He is not very sociable. He always a complaint of grub and othhas lived so long that he imagines the er destructive insects; but when I put present generation is a pack of fools, a firm veto against the destruction, and he a wise man. The first state- my garden was filled with uninjured ment may be all right, but there is produce. In fact, if you have grub room for debate on the latter.

remembers the city when it was, he scerce you must protect your fruit. lived in Troy forty-five years, and rec- among the young mangel or the tares. ollects Troy as a small country vil- "appropriating" my enemies. But I lage. He lost his wife fifty years ago. have so often said that my best corn He had three sons and one daughter, but they have all gone to the other world, and now the old man is alone. years, ever since his daughter died, not again trouble your readers with who was years old. He has no relatives now, having outlived the whole with only a bushel an acre of seed of them, grandchildren and all.

thirty years he has lived in a very mysterious way. He does not work, but goes away sometimes for weeks at a time, nobody knows where. He returns as mysteriously as he goes, and seems to have money. Of late years he has turned his attention somewhat to the study of medicine; and not only the study, but the practice. He imagines that he can cure any disease, and will always solicit a trial of his skill on any one whom he sees sick or suffering. Instances have been known where he has relieved pain and cured illness, but in more cases an opposire effect has followed.

Blackwell seems as vigorous as a man of 50. In fact, he is the type of a very lively old man. He can walk a mile without a cane as fast as almost any one 75 years younger. He never rides. He is a thorough pe destrian. He was never on a street car, and only once on a railroad. Then he went to Albany on the cars got lost there, and walked back. He thinks jackasses superior to horses surprise that they are not in use. The mule.—[St. Joe, Herald.

old man may not be aware of it, but the jackasses are just as humorous as ever; they have two legs, though, instead of four, and are balky. Blackwell will not ride behind a horse. It is against the principles. He believes in anciant instead of modern civilization. The good old oriental times are the times for him. He believes in an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. He is opposed to lawyers, and puts no faith in newspapers. Religiously speaking, John Henry Blackwell is a Protestant. He scarcely ever goes to church, however, but he evidently reads the Bible, as he is conversant with its passages. He has no fear of death, and acts as though he expects to live forever.

A WORD FOR THE SPARROWS .- HOW much longer will there be sparrow it. John Henry lives all alone in the clubs and sparrow prizes? They must house. It cannot be called bachelor's be the result of want of observation. hall, because John Henry is not a bach- A new light broke in upon my bailiff ten how it feels. His house is not a peas, appropriating the "louse" which hermitage. No one is ever invited in- its growth. I am a great believer in to the place, and no one is ever al- birds and poultry as farmers' friends, night he never uses a light unless he servation of their habits. My gardner and insect in your garden, stock it John Henry is an Irishman, and has with birds and poultry, and you will been in this country sixty years. He no longer complain. In very dry wealived in New York fifteen years, and ther, when worms and insects are says, no bigger than Troy. He has Just now I see lots of my poultry crops are within fifty feet of the fowl house, where the crops from the day of their sowing untill harvest under-He has lived alone for twenty-five gy poultry examination, that I will detailes. One must have confidence wheat at their mercy. Let me warn About ninety years ago he learned those who do away with all their the tailoring business, and has worked fence that there should be belts of in different cities, but within the last shrubberies, not only as breeding places for birds, but also for shelter from strong prevailing winds.—[J. J. Mechi, in the Isle of Man Herald.

THE letter of Mr. Jeff. Davis on the subject of the recent protest against his delivering the address to the Winnebago (Ill.) agricultural fair, is a model of calmness and forbearance. It ought to make every man of the yahoos who have been kicking up all the fuss feel how contemptible and mean he is.

The following is a specimen of the 'clear" logic, for which Chicago is proverbial: Let no one sneer at the mud foundation of Chicago. We have reason to be proud of it. It requires genious to build a great city in a mudhole. Anybody could build a great city on a rock.-[Chicago Tribune.

How a man can afford to give away an eighteen dollar chromo with a pound of dollar tea puzzles people who don't know the immense profits made on teas.—[Detroit Free Press.

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